



## Religious Education at Orchard Academy – YEAR 3

Autumn Term	<p><b>The Church Year: Is Christmas a festival of light or love?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What special events give structure to our lives?</li> <li>• What is Advent? Why is it important to Christians?</li> <li>• What does Christmas tell us about Jesus?</li> <li>• How do Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas?</li> <li>• Why is light so important as a Christian symbol?</li> <li>• Why do Christians think of Jesus as the “Light of the World?”</li> <li>• What does light represent in the Christmas story?</li> <li>• What have I learned? Is Christmas a festival of light or love?</li> </ul>	Christianity
	<p><b>Light and Dark: What do these symbols mean?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is light so often used as a symbol for goodness and truth?</li> <li>• How and why do Jewish people celebrate the festival of Hanukkah? What part do candles play in these festivals?</li> <li>• In what ways do Christians use light as a symbol? How and why?</li> </ul>	Judaism Christianity
Spring Term	<p><b>Jesus: Why is Jesus an inspirational leader for some people?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an inspiring person? / Who is an inspiring person?</li> <li>• Who did Jesus say he was?</li> <li>• What do we know about Jesus’ life story? Is his story inspiring for some people?</li> <li>• What did Jesus teach? Was he a good teacher?</li> <li>• Who did Jesus think was important?</li> <li>• What do Jesus’ miracles show about him?</li> <li>• How and why are Holy Week and Easter expressions of Christian beliefs about Jesus?</li> <li>• Is Jesus still important today?</li> <li>• What kind of image of Jesus for the 21st Century would pupils like to create? Might it be inspiring to others?</li> <li>• Why do Christians think Jesus is an inspiration?</li> </ul>	Christianity
Summer Term	<p><b>Islam: Keeping the Five Pillars – what difference does it make?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do Muslims believe about God?</li> <li>• Why is prayer important to Muslims?</li> <li>• What does Hajj mean to Muslims?</li> <li>• What does charity mean to Muslims? What does charity mean to you?</li> <li>• Why do Muslims fast?</li> <li>• What commitments do I have in my own life?</li> <li>• How are sacred texts important to believers?</li> <li>• How does the Qur’an give guidance to Muslims?</li> <li>• What is the mosque used for?</li> <li>• What do I know about, and how have I learnt from Islam?</li> </ul>	Islam